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RE: Docket No. 98N-1038

Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food

Dear Mr. Hubbard,

I recently became informed of the FDA's attempt to bring unlabeled irradiated food products to our grocery stores and i am shocked and outraged. Since i have been buying groceries, i have become increasingly frustrated by the difficulties i have encountered in trying to understand where my food has come from and how it has been treated. Until now, i have been concerned with the possibilities of animal cruelty, genetic engineering and unfair labor conditions, as well as pesticide use and a variety of other issues. The prospect of having to worry about food being exposed to radiation is terrifying and infuriating. I hope you will seriously consider what you are doing to the public. 77% of Americans say they wont buy irradiated food. If you go behind their backs and market it anyway, you are intentionally betraying the people you are supposed to protect. Please think about what you are doing, and consider the possible carcinogenic qualities that irradiated food contains, as well as the depletion of vital minerals and vitamins.

Sincerely,

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